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1. US REP VERY MUCH REGRETS THAT DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO SET ASIDE REQUEST FOR AN ADMIN ASSISTANT IN FAVOR OF JUNIOR FSO. WORK REQUIREMENT REMAINS THE SAME. PAPER WORK FLOW FROM IGIA SYSTEM WASHINGTON AND PAPER FLOW FROM ICAO SECRETARIAT PLACE CONSTANT HEAVY BURDEN ON STAFF TO DISTRIBUTE/FILE/PULL/RECEIVE/REFILE, ETC. IN ORDER FOR OUR POSITIONS TO BE TIMELY AND CONSTANTLY BEFORE REP AND COMMISSIONER. A SECOND REQUIREMENT IS FOR PREPARATION AND MAINTENANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS AND LEDGERS. THIRD REQUIREMENT IS FOR ROUTINE OFFICE WORK. TAFF TO HANDLE FOREGOING WORK WOULD FREE REP AND COMMISSIONER FROM PAPER WORK AND INAPPROPRIATE CHORES SO THAT SUBSTANTIVE WORK OF REPRESENTATION AND NEGOTIATION CAN RECEIVE MAXIMUM ATTENTION.

2. US REP BOWED TO DEPARTMENT'S PREFERENCE TWO YEARS AGO AND RESULT WAS VERY UNSATISFACTORY FOR ALL INVOLVED. THE SAME MISTAKE WILL BE DOUBLY DETRIMENTAL AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF ARRIVAL
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OF NEW, INEXPERIENCED REP. REGRETTABLE THAT NEW REP COULD NOT HAVE HAD ASSISTANCE WHERE HE WILL NEED IT IN THE AREA OF DOCUMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER.

3. ASSUME GORDON PREPARED TO TAKE IN ABOVE RESPONSIBILITIES UPON ARRIVAL.

4. FYI "FRENCH BRUSH-UP" WILL BE INTERESTING
FOR OFFICE BUT SPANISH WOULD BE OF FAR GREATER
VALUE SINCE THE LA BLOC HOLDS THE SWING POSITION IN COUNCIL.
US DEL MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO MINIMIZE IMPACT OF FRENCH LANGUAGE
IN ICAO SINCE FRENCH SEC GEN ELECTION. LOCAL QUEBEC ISSUE OF
BILINGUALISM FINDS WAY INTO ICAO THROUGH AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS
STRIKES AND FRENCH-CANADIAN ANTI-US REP ON COUNCIL. WE MUST MAKE
STRONG EFFORT TO RETAIN ENGLISH AS THE LANGUAGE OF INTERNATIONAL
CIVIL AVIATION, AND SHOULD NOT USE FRENCH ICAO
HEADQUARTERS BUILDING.
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